

BEST PRACTICE CATALOG

Project Title: **DIETETIC INTERNSHIP**

Function Category: ☐ PATIENT-FOCUSED ☒ ORGANIZATION ☐ STRUCTURES

Subcategory: **Management of Human Resources** Heading: **Orientating, Training and Educating Staff**

Key Word(s): **Psychology, Education, and Patient Care**

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Hospital: **Patton State Hospital**

Purpose: Dietetic Internship is to provide an opportunity for training interns to function as a competent entry level registered dietitian within the framework of the hospital's philosophy and mission.

Brief Description: The program is designed for interns to achieve 1320 hours of supervised practice (administrative, clinical and community nutrition) and 240 hours of didactic education in 42 weeks. Successful completion allows the intern to be eligible for national examination. The program is affiliated with about ten local agencies. Four classes have graduated with 100% pass rate on national exam on the first attempt. All are presently employed in dietetics or related fields.

Selection Basis/Criteria:

The following items are available regarding this Best Practice:

☐ Photographs ☐ Video Tape ☐ Drawings ☒ Manual

☐ Other : _____

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